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SUBJECT: UNRWA PLEDGING CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FORTY-FOUR DELS MADE SPECIFIC PLEDGES TO UNRWA FOR 1977 OR ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE AT PLEDGING CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 24. US CONTRIBUTION OF \$26.7 MILLION WAS ANNOUNCED BY AMR. SHERER WHO ALSO STATED THAT STATE DEPT. WAS PREPARING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE AVAILABLE IN 1977 SUBJECT OF PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. UNRWA UNOFFICIALLY ESTIMATES TOTAL US DOLLAR VALUE OF PLEDGES AT \$62 TO \$63 MILLION. END SUMMARY.

2. GA PRESIDENT AMERASHINGHE OPENED UNRWA PLEDGING CONFERENCE (AD HOC COMMITTEE OF GA FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA) NOV 24 BY CALLING ATTENTION TO UNRWA'S PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITAUTION AND URGING

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GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET AGENCY'S NEEDS, PARTICULARLY

IN LIGHT OF EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED IN LEBANON. UNRWA COMMISSIONER-GENERAL SIR JOHN RENNIE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AS OUTLINED IN DETAIL IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE UNRWA DEBATE AND SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE THAT TIME, DEFICIT FOR 1976 STILL STANDING AT ABOUT \$11 MILLION.

ON LEBANON, HE SAID PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES INDICATED \$600,000 NEEDED FOR SCHOOL REPAIR, REPLACEMENT OF BOOKS AND SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, \$300,000 FOR REPAIR OF REFUGEE SHELTERS AND OTHER UNRWA BUILDINGS, AND \$500,000 FOR REPAIR OF MAIN WAREHOUSE AND REPLACEMENT OF ITS SUPPLIES. ABOUT 30,000 REFUGEES WERE DISPLACED IN LEBANON, HE SAID. HE THOUGHT COST OF REHOUSING THEM WOULD BE ON ORDER OF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS. HE NOTED NO PROVISION FOR THESE EXPENSES WERE INCLUDED IN 1977 BUDGET. AFTER NOTING INCREASED COSTS ANTICIPATED IN 1977, RENNIE POINTED OUT IF THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE OF INCREASE IN INCOME OVER 1976, THERE WOULD NEED TO BE EARLY REVIEW OF FLOUR PROCUREMENT PROGRAM. HE APPEALED FOR SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBER STATES.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF 1977 PLEDGES OR STATEMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL DELS. (US DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS INDICATED WHERE THEY WERE PROVIDED WHEN PLEDGE MADE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY.)  
AUSTRALIA: 380,000 AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS (\$468,046.)  
NETHERLANDS: 4.5 MILLION DUTCH FLORINS (APPROX. \$1.7 MILLION) SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. ALSO WILL CONTRIBUTE FAIR SHARE THROUGH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.  
BAHREIN: 15,000 AS SIGN OF SUPPORT FOR UNRWA'S WORK, WHICH MUST CONTINUE PENDING RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.  
GREECE: \$17,000. WILL ALSO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO PLEA FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AID.  
FINLAND: 950,000 FINNISH MARKS (APPROX. \$250,000) SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL.  
UK: 3.5 MILLION POUNDS STERLING, SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH EC. EXPRESSED REGRET MAJOR SUPPORT CONTINUED TO BE PROVIDED BY RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP OF STATES.  
BELGIUM: 9 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS (\$225,000) SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL.  
CANADA: 1.5 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS (11 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1976). FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS EXACT AMOUNT FOR FLOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTION NOT AVAILABLE NOW, BUT THIS FORM OF CONTRIBUTION WOULD CONTINUE ALSO.

TURKEY: \$35,000 SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL (75 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1976).

PHILIPPINES: \$3,000 (INCREASED FROM \$1,750).

MALAYSIA: \$1,500 AS "TOKEN" OF CONTINUED SUPPORT.

DENMARK: 7 MILLION DANISH CROWNS (\$1,150,000), SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL, TO RAMALLAH EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PROGRAMS, PLUS 1.4 MILLION DANISH CROWNS (\$230,000) TO ORDINARY BUDGET.

SWITZERLAND: 900,000 SWISS FRANCS, PLUS 3,000 TONS FLOUR AND 275,000 TONS WHOLE POWDERED MILK, MAKING TOTAL VALUE OF OVER 6 MILLION SWISS FRANCS, SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. ALSO NOTED THIS HAD JUST BEEEN SUPPLEMENTED BY 1 THOUSAND TONS OF FLOUR VALUED AT 740,000 SWISS FRANCS AND 250,000 SWISS FRANCS IN CASH MAKING TOTAL VALUE OF 990,000 SWISS FRANCS.

SRI LANKA: WILL CONTINUE COMMODITY CONTRIBUTION IN FORM OF TEA, CASH VALUE OF WHICH NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: 6,000 TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DOLLARS.

NEW ZEALAND: 120,000 NZ DOLLARS ONE-THIRD OF WHICH IN NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY (AS IN PAST), SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL, PERHAPS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

IRELAND: WILL CONTRIBUTE AGAIN IN 1977, BUT NOT YET ABLE TO INDICATE AMOUNG.

SWEDEN: 35 MILLION SWEDISH CROWNS (\$7,900,000).

SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL (REPRESENTS 40 PERCENT INCREASE).

JAPAN: BUDGET IN PREPARATION AND COULD NOT STATE AMOUNG, BUT HOPES TO KEEP REGULAR CONTRIBUTION AT SAME LEVEL AS PAST YEAR.

INDONESIA : \$6,000.

USA: \$26.7 MILLION. STATE DEPT. ASLO PREPARING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE AVAILABLE IN 1977 SUBJECT TO PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. (STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB. SHERER AS CONTAINED STATE 288048).

ITALY: \$200,000.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: \$5,000.

NORWAY: 13 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER (\$2,450,000)

SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL (REPRESENTS 30 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1976 REGULAR CONTRIBUTION).

EGYPT: 3,000 EGYPTIAN POUNDS. NOTED DIRECT CONTRIBUTION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO REFUGEES IN FORM OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THOSE DISPLACED FROM GAZA. SAID SYSTEM OF FINANCING UNRWA INADEQUATE AND IT WAS OBLIGATION OF UN TO MAINTAIN SERVICES FOR REFUGEES IN FULL.

AUSTRIA: EQUIVALENT OF \$107,000, SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL.

PAKISTAN: 207,000 PAKISTANIA RUPEES (\$21,000).

FRG: DM 2 MILLION REGULAR CONTRUVTION, PLUS DM 5 MILLION SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, ALL SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. ALSO WILL CONTINUE FOOD AID IN FORM OF WHEAT FLOUR.

IRAN: \$30,000.

SPAIN: \$1 MILLION IN FORM OF FOOD COMMODITIES.

OMAN: \$25,000

HOLY SEA: \$2,500 (HALF OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEE PROGRAMS).

QATAR: EXACT AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE PROVIDED AT LATER

DATE. SAID RESPONSIBILITY FOR PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEE  
PROBLEM LAY WITH ISRAEL.

UAE: \$300,000 (INCREASE OVER 1976), SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY  
APPROVAL. CONTRIBUTION DOES NOT PREJUDICE POSITION THAT UN  
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM.  
FRANCE: ABOUT \$1 MILLION, SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL.  
ALSO PROVIDES UNVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSOCIATES  
ITSELF WITH EEC EFFORT THROUGH SUPPLY OF GRAINS AND OTHER COMMODITIES

TUNISIA: EXACT AMOUNT NOT YET AVAILABLE, SINCE BUDGET JUST  
BEING DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT. NOTED DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEES.

REITERATES PROPOSAL MADE IN SPC THAT UNRWA BUDGET BE  
INTEGRATED INTO UN BUDGET.

CHILE: \$2,000.

LIBYA: PLEDGE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER, WHEN "SPECIAL MEASURES"  
HAVE BEEN TAKE.

IRAQ: 36,000 IRAQI DINAR (\$122,000). SAID PLIGHT OF  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE COULD BE SOLVED ONLY BY RETURN TO THEIR  
HOMELAND IN PALESTINE.

ICELAND: \$14,000 SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL.

SAUDI ARABIA: \$1,200,000. NOTED HAD MADE SPECIAL \$10 MILLION  
CONTRIBUTION IN 1976.

SINGAPRE: \$1,500 AS TOKEN OF SUPPORT FOR UNRWA'S WORK.

YUGOSLAVIA: \$25,000.

MAURITIUS: CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED PLEDGE OF 2,000 CONTAINED  
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IN LETTER TO COMMISSIONER-GENERAL.

4. AT CONCLUSION, RENNIE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PLEDGES,  
ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT HAD BEEN INCREASED. HE ASKED DELS  
WHO HAD ANNOUNCED REGULAR BUT NOT SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
REQUEST GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER RENEWING LATTER AS WELL.  
OTHER WISE, HE WARNED, FINANCIAL CRISIS WOULD OCCUR EARLY  
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